



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

**Faith . Hope . Love**

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10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely 2-week half term. I know quite a few parents took the opportunity to go away on an autumn break which is great. From a personal point of view, it was lovely to be able to have a full week with my family before even thinking about the next half term.

Over the half term, our Catholic Social Teaching badges went up in the classrooms. These are to remind the children about the 7 strands of Catholic Social Teaching and to try and help them make links within all of their lessons. They are just getting used to me bursting into their lessons but please do ask them about it.

Finally, over half term I sent £1500 to the Poor Servants of the Mother of God for their work in Kenya. This was money that the children have raised over the last year. I received a lovely letter of thanks which I have included later in this newsletter.

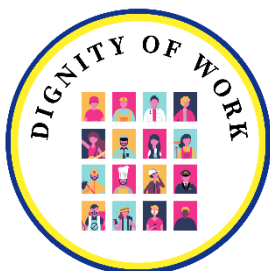
Have a lovely weekend

God bless,

M. Howarth

**Catholic Social Teaching Badges**

*Care for the Common Good*





May gratitude be always in our lips. These are words that were said by Mother Magdaline. I take this moment to express our gratitude as Frances Taylor Family Learning Centre. Your generosity has amazed us. May the Lord who knows how to bless and reward bless you, your family and the work you do each and every day.

We have received your donation and we promise to use it to continue the great mission that we are doing in Kenya- Mwingi. Your support continues to help us to touch lives in different ways and especially the lives of many youth who come from very vulnerable backgrounds.

We have ended our academic year which was a success. We finished by celebrating the graduation of our students in the polytechnic where we had 12 girls and 1 boy. Also, for the pre-school where we had 22 of them going to grade 1. We thank God for all those that were involved to the success of this event.

I am sharing some of the photos during the celebration.

Polytechnic students - They have graduated with the first level in the technical skills, which is Grade 3. We hope that they would be able to continue. They started 27 of them but only 11 who have finished. The is because of school fees challenges in spite of us charging as low as possible. Thanks for you.



Pre-school pupils together with their teachers. Wish them well as they go to the next level.



Our hearts are in praise and our lips sing a song of gratitude. Thanks once again. We promise to continue to share the progress of our missions. Again, we prepare to get into festive season, may the Jesus who is to be born in our hearts feel you with peace and joy.



Sr. Catherine Murungi (PSMG)  
Project Manager Frances Taylor.

## **Prayers for Israel and Gaza**

As I am sure you will be aware, it is very difficult to shield children from what is going on in the world. In school, we make sure we talk to the children about current affairs as part of their education but also as a way of ensuring we address any anxiety. This is a prayer that we will be using over the next few weeks.

**God of love,  
You care for us all.  
Shine your light of love and hope to our  
brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.**

**Wrap your loving arms around  
those who mourn.  
Bring comfort to those who are  
hurting in body and mind.  
Fill the hearts of all people with  
your love and compassion.  
Give courage to those who help others  
and work for the good of all.  
May your peace, love and understanding  
be with the people who are making  
important decisions.**

**Let us be united in our prayer for peace in the world.  
We pray for hope and healing and an end to violence.  
Amen**



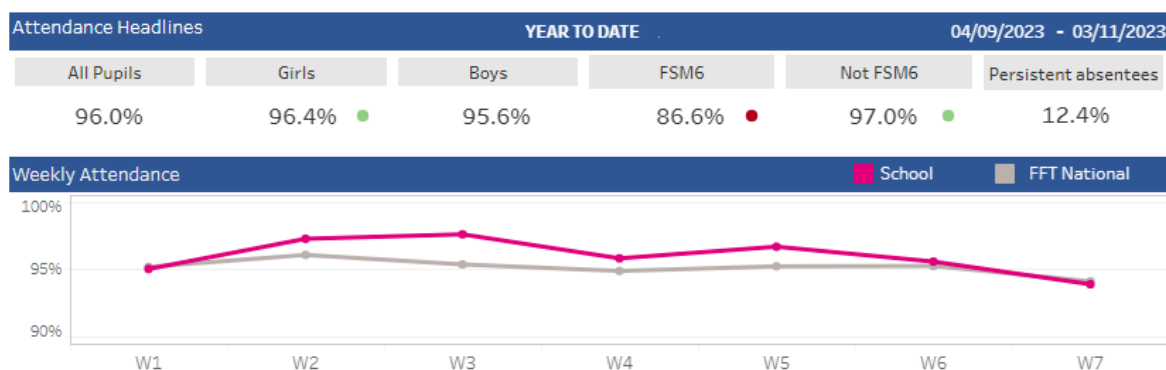
## **November 2023**

The feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> along with Remembrance Day on 11<sup>th</sup> November highlight that this is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for the dead and ask God to bring them to their eternal rest in heaven. At the end of the month, we mark the end of the Liturgical Year with the great Solemnity of Christ the King. It's a busy month in the Church calendar and no doubt in the school calendar too!

This newsletter shares a glimpse of some of the prayer and liturgy resources that children will experience at school during this month. We hope you find this resource to be a useful addition to your family prayer time.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

## Attendance and Punctuality



We are still quite a way from our target of 98%. Remember every day missed, results in missed learning and more misconceptions.

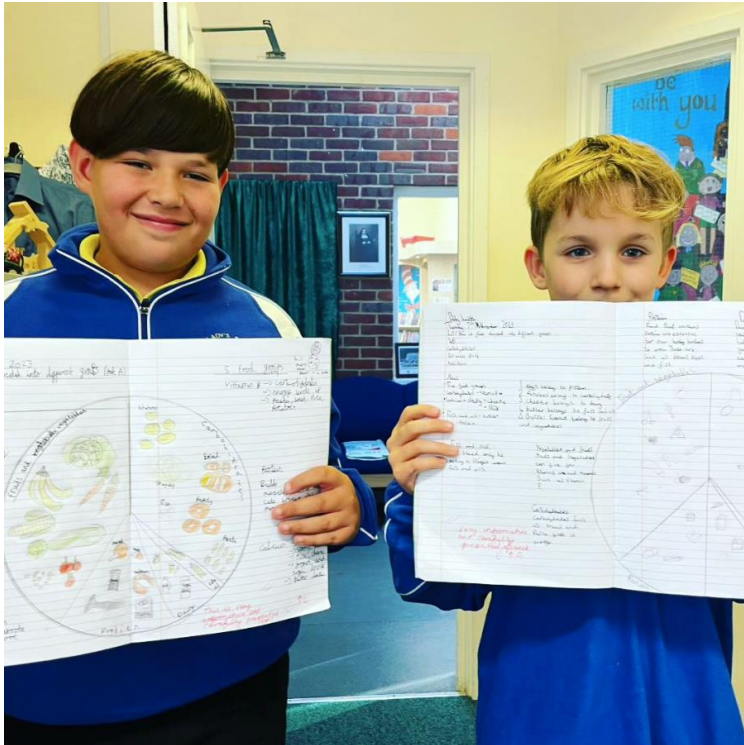
Well done to Year 2 and Year 4 who are currently in prime position to get ice creams at the end of the year as they have the best attendance

Reception	95.5
Year 1	93.8
Year 2	98.8
Year 3	96.8
Year 4	98.6
Year 5	94.2
Year 6	96.1

## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Year 6 have been exploring different food groups in science #OLSScience  
20 h

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** I've seen some lovely prayers written giving thanks for Prophets #OLSR  
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### **Good News and Half Termly RE Certificates**

Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

	Good News	RE Certificates
Year 1	Tosha, Leon	Reuben, Grace
Year 2	Maria, Niamh	Josephine, Peregrine
Year 3	Annie, Renske	Seraphina, Malwina
Year 4	Elizabeth, Simeon	Florence, Eleanor
Year 5	Emily, Joseph	Louie, Ralph

## **Accelerated Reader**

### **Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes**

#### **Year 3**

Logan  
Renske  
Michael F  
Mason  
Misha  
Hansini  
Xavier  
Maja

Ralph  
Wanda  
Finley H  
Charlie K  
Michael M  
Robert  
Zuzanna

#### **Year 6**

#### **Year 4**

Tamsin  
Sienna-Rose  
Andrew  
Eleanor  
Jacob  
Thomas  
Olive

Bella  
Nathan  
Sherlyn  
Karamo  
Ellie  
Kome  
Grace  
Jordan  
Alaia  
Matylda  
Hannah  
Franek

#### **Year 5**

Mia  
Archie  
Ivor